



October 12, 1999

Theodore J. Kaczynski:
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Dear Ted:

I received letter #87 today. I can only say that I have been honest, loyal, and honorable from day one. In addition, I value you personally, and this has made me all the more loyal. You have by now received my apology for the changes. I really did think that I had earned your faith and respect. I understand now how very wrong I was.

I'm enclosing an editorial that was published by the New York *Post* today, and my response, which I hope they will publish tomorrow.

My dear,
Beau.

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By Fax Transmission: (212) 930-8546
and Hand Delivery

Mr. John Podhoretz
Editor, Editorial Page
The New York Post
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

Dear Mr. Podhoretz:

Although I am writing on behalf of a client justly aggrieved by a factually inaccurate editorial printed by the Post on Tuesday ("The Friends of Ted Kaczynski"), I am not threatening suit, nor will I. My client, Context Books, like many of my firm's clients, is a responsible publisher. Thus, we share a concern for the protection of the print media's First Amendment rights.

By the same token, we do believe that factual inaccuracies, especially when brought to a periodical's attention, should be corrected when practicable. In the matter at hand, the Post can easily do so, and it should.

The factual errors contained in your editorial are stated succinctly in Mr. Friedlander's letter, a copy of which is enclosed.

You can, and I strongly believe the Post should, in fairness, print Mr. Friedlander's letter in its next letters column.

Should you wish to do so, I will be happy to discuss the matters raised in these letters with you.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey Craig Miller

JCM:bjg
Enclosure
cc: Beau Friedlander



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A modicum of fact-checking would have revealed:

1. That Context Books is not a "vanity" press, but a traditional publisher of serious books. In addition to law Professor Michael Mello's well received critique of Kaczynski's trial entitled *The United States of America versus Theodore John Kaczynski*, Context's forthcoming titles include works by two award-winning fiction writers; a memoir by Rhoda Berenson; an anthology of short stories about love gone wrong; and a series called Grassroot Guides.
2. Context Books did not commission *Truth versus Lies*. The all-ready written manuscript was solicited and acquired because of its intrinsic interest, and then only after it proved to be a cogent analysis of Kaczynski's family life, his personal relationships, and how his story was distorted by the press.
3. Not one penny has or will Ted Kaczynski receive from the publication of *Truth versus Lies*. All author royalties will go into a trust fund for the Unabomber victims or their surviving families.
4. Neither Context Books nor Ted Kaczynski's manuscript seeks to justify the crimes. Ironically, in allowing self-righteous emotionalism to substitute for research and sober facts, the *Post*'s editorial shows how very accurate is the analysis of the media in *Truth versus Lies* and why it is, sadly, a very relevant book.
5. The book is not going to be published this month. Its publication has been postponed.
6. Context Books is proud to be publishing a book of historical significance.

One last point that might be of interest, I was first tipped off to the existence of this manuscript and the fact that Kaczynski was looking for a publisher, in the June 24, 1998 edition of the New York *Post*.

Beau Friedlander, Publisher

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